

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
GREENVILLE DIVISION

Thomas Rouse

Plaintiff,

vs.

Nancy A. Berryhill, Acting
Commissioner of Social Security,

Defendant.

Civil Action No.: 6:17-cv-1496-AMQ

ORDER

This matter is before the Court on Plaintiff Thomas Rouse's ("Plaintiff") complaint brought pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 405(g), seeking judicial review of the Commissioner of Social Security's final decision, which denied Plaintiff's claim for disability insurance benefits and supplemental security income benefits under Titles II and XCI of the Social Security Act. The record includes the report and recommendation ("Report") of United States Magistrate Judge Kevin F. McDonald, which was made in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) and Local Civil Rule 73.02(B)(2)(a) (D.S.C.). In the Report, which was filed on June 4, 2018, the Magistrate Judge recommends that the Court reverse the Commissioner's decision pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) and remand the case to the Commissioner for further consideration and analysis of the evidence, and further administrative action as set forth in the Report. (ECF No. 19.) In a notice filed on June 14, 2018, Defendant informed the Court that she will not be filing objections to the Magistrate Judge's Report. (ECF No. 21.)

The Magistrate Judge makes only a recommendation to the Court. The recommendation has no presumptive weight, and the responsibility to make a final determination remains with the Court. *Mathews v. Weber*, 423 U.S. 261 (1976). The Court is charged with making a de novo determination only of those portions of the Report to which specific objections are made, and the Court may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the recommendation of the Magistrate Judge, or recommit the matter to the Magistrate Judge with instructions. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). In the absence of specific objections, the Court reviews the matter only for clear error. *See Diamond v. Colonial Life & Accident Ins. Co.*, 416 F.3d 310, 315 (4th Cir. 2005) (stating that “in the absence of a timely filed objection, a district court need not conduct a de novo review, but instead must ‘only satisfy itself that there is no clear error on the face of the record in order to accept the recommendation.’”) (quoting Fed. R. Civ. P. 72 advisory committee’s note).

Here, because no objections were filed, the Court has reviewed the record, the applicable law, and the findings and recommendations of the Magistrate Judge for clear error. Finding none, the Court hereby adopts and incorporates the Report (ECF No. 19). Therefore, it is **ORDERED** that the decision of the Commissioner of Social Security is reversed pursuant to sentence four of 42 U.S.C. § 405(g), and this case is remanded to the Commissioner for further administrative action as set forth in the Report.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/ A. Marvin Quattlebaum, Jr.
United States District Judge

June 22, 2018
Greenville, South Carolina